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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USMISSION NATO  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - MARCH 14

1. -  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR MARCH 14,  
1977:

SPOKESMAN: MR. ALFRED WHITE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRA-  
TOR FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS OF A.I.D. WILL TESTIFY THIS  
AFTERNOON BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMIT-  
TEE, SUBCOMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EASTERN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.  
HE MAKES A STATEMENT AT 2 P.M. HIS SUBJECT IS FY 78  
ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN AND WE'LL HAVE HIS STATEMENT  
AVAILABLE AT 2 P.M.

QUESTIONS.

Q. FRED, WHILE WE'RE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, ANOTHER WIRE  
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SERVICE--IT ISN'T U.P.I.--REPORTING ON RABIN'S MEETING  
WITH HIS CABINET QUOTES SOURCES AS RABIN HAVING TOLD --  
YOU FOLLOW ME SO FAR? -- THE MINISTERS THAT THERE IS AN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL IN  
OPPOSITION TO THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN  
STATE. CAN YOU TELL US IF, AS A RESULT OF MR. RABIN'S

VISIT, THERE HAS BEEN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRA-  
TION AGAINST THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN  
STATE?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THE LATE-BREAKING NEWS  
REPORT THAT YOU CITE. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. WELL, IT JUST IS A WAY INTO--THE QUESTION WOULD STAND  
ON ITS OWN, THOUGH. DID RABIN'S VISIT PRODUCE AN  
AGREEMENT TO THAT EFFECT?

A. I REALLY DON'T KNOW. LET ME LOOK INTO THIS REPORT

AND SEE IF I CAN GET YOU A REACTION OF SOME SORT.

Q. DO YOU KNOW -- DID THE SECRETARY EVER HAVE HIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE RUSSIANS ON HIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. YES, HE DID. SHORTLY AFTER HE GOT BACK I RECALL THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN CAME IN AND THERE WAS A SESSION IN WHICH THE SECRETARY DID DISCUSS HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. I REMEMBER THAT SPECIFICALLY.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN AT THE MARCH 14 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. DID ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL ON THE SUBJECT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF A PALESTINIAN STATE?

A. AS WE SAID PREVIOUSLY, THESE TALKS WERE EXPLORATORY. NO AGREEMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WERE SOUGHT, AND NONE REACHED.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON A PALESTINIAN STATE?

A. THE UNITED STATES POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED: WE BELIEVE THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS MUST BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF IN ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT. IT REMAINS FOR THE PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES TO WORK OUT THE TERMS OF THAT SETTLEMENT.

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